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1. UPON THE OCCASION OF MY CALL ON MINISTER OF LAW AND EDUCATION PIRZADA THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 14, I RAISED THE NOMAD PROBLEM AT THE AFGHAN BORDER WITH HIM, IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR BORUHER DISCUSSIONS ABOUT RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN. I SAID THAT OUR EMBASSY IN KABUL (NOT THE AFGHANS) HAD TOLD ME OF THEIR CONCERN OVER THIS PROBLEM, AS THEY FEARED IT COULD CAUSE BORDER INCIDENTS AT A RATHER TOUCHY TIME IN PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS. HE TALKED ABOUT THE PROBLEM IN A KNOWLEDGEABLE HISTORIC WAY, REFERRING TO MANY UNDESIRABLE SOCIAL AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS ANNUAL MIGRATION. HE DID AGREE THAT INCIDENTS AT THE BORDER SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE AVOIDED, IF POSSIBLE.

2. I SAID IT WAS THE HOPE OF OUR PEOPLE IN KABUL

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THAT A SUFFICIENT NUMBER WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CROSS

BORDER TO GENERALLY DEFUSE THE SITUATION, AND HOPED
THEY MIGHT TAKE GOOD LOOK AT SITUATION WITH THIS
THOUGHT IN MIND.

3. THE MATTER WAS LEFT AT THAT, BUT IT IS A SURE
BET THAT MY REMARKS GOT TO BHUTTO.BYROADE

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